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For: METHOD OF PRODUCING NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES WITH
REDUCED SECONDARY STRUCTURE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231


Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a three (3) month extension of time, from July 8, 2002, to and including October 8, 2002, to respond to the May 8, 2002 Office Action in the above-identified application. A check in the amount of \$920.00 is enclosed in view of the large entity status of the application.

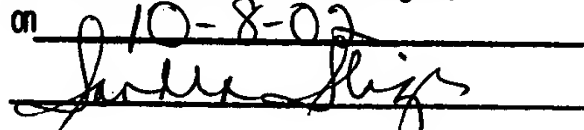
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Respectfully submitted,


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